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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Toru YANO and Nobuyuki SAKUDA
BIODEGRADABLE RESIN COMPOSITION AND BIODEGRADABLE
RESIN MOLDED ARTICLE
Assignee: NISHIKAWA RUBBER CO., LTD.
Our Ref. Q80109

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty two (32) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u>	-	20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	3	=	<u> </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										\$770.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$770.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	<u>\$810.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2003-130364	May 8, 2003
JAPAN	2003-184899	June 27, 2003
JAPAN	2003-411647	December 10, 2003

The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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